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In re Patent Application of:

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For: PREPARATION OF WORT AND BEER OF HIGH NUTRITIONAL VALUE...

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2000, please reconsider the above-identified application amended as follows and in light of the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A process for the production of a cereal wort or beer having a high content of soluble  $\beta$ -glucan of more than 0.2 wt% from a cereal or mixture of cereals in which the  $\beta$ -glucanase activity of any ingredient employed in the process [lacks  $\beta$ -glucanase activity sufficient to] will not decrease soluble  $\beta$ -glucan by more than 20 wt% compared to the yield from the corresponding source of non-germinated cereal or mixture of cereals, the process comprising the steps of:

forming an aqueous cereal slurry containing from 10% to 30% by weight of at least one wet or dry milled cereal; and